

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended): A method for providing information regarding a piece of electronic mail (e-mail), comprising:

processing a data set containing transmission data associated with the e-mail so as to determine one or more steps in a propagation history of the e-mail, the transmission data including identifiers of a sender of the e-mail and of one or more recipients of at least a portion of the e-mail; and

graphically displaying the propagation history.

2 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein processing the data set comprises analyzing transmission information embedded in text of the e-mail.

3 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein processing the data set comprises analyzing transmission information not contained in text of the e-mail.

4 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein displaying the propagation history comprises designating a first visual symbol to represent transmission of the e-mail to

a primary recipient, and designating a second visual symbol different from the first visual symbol to represent transmission of the e-mail to a secondary recipient.

5 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein displaying the propagation history comprises designating a first visual symbol to represent the sender and designating at least one visual symbol different from the first visual symbol to represent the one or more recipients.

6 (original): A method according to claim 5, wherein displaying the propagation history comprises designating a first color for the first visual symbol and designating a second color, different from the first color, for the at least one visual symbol.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

8 (original): A method according to claim 7, wherein graphically displaying the propagation history comprises graphically displaying the steps in the history in an animation mode.

9 (original): A method according to claim 7, wherein graphically displaying the propagation history comprises:  
displaying a representation of the sender and at least one of the recipients; and

displaying a graphical representation of movement of the e-mail from the sender to the at least one of the recipients.

10 (original): A method according to claim 9, wherein displaying the graphical representation of movement comprises displaying an arrow.

11 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein processing the data set comprises determining two or more steps in the propagation history of the e-mail, the transmission data including for each step in the propagation history identifiers of a sender and one or more recipients of a respective portion of the piece of e-mail, wherein the method comprises:

receiving from a user a designation of an electronic mail correspondent;

finding at least one identifier in the transmission data corresponding to the designated correspondent; and

displaying part of the piece of e-mail responsive to finding the at least one identifier.

12 (original): A method according to claim 11, wherein displaying part of the piece of e-mail comprises displaying e-mail content sent by the correspondent.

13 (original): A method according to claim 11, wherein displaying part of the piece of e-mail comprises displaying e-mail content sent to the correspondent.

14 (original): A method according to claim 11, and comprising:

determining a location of the correspondent in a hierarchy;

displaying the hierarchy; and

identifying for the user the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy.

15 (original): A method according to claim 1, and comprising receiving information regarding a relationship relating members in a set, which set includes at least some of: the sender and the one or more recipients, wherein displaying the propagation history comprises displaying the propagation history responsive to the relationship.

16 (original): A method according to claim 15, wherein receiving the information comprises receiving geographical information about the members.

17 (original): A method according to claim 15, wherein receiving the information comprises receiving hierarchical and geographical information about the members.

18 (original): A method according to claim 15,  
wherein receiving the information comprises receiving  
hierarchical information about the members.

19 (original): A method according to claim 18,  
wherein receiving hierarchical information comprises  
receiving, for each one of a plurality of the members,  
information indicating: (a) who reports to that member and (b)  
to whom does that member report.

20 (original): A method according to claim 18,  
wherein displaying the propagation history comprises:  
displaying a hierarchy including the members in the  
set; and  
displaying the propagation history with respect to  
the hierarchy.

21 (original): A method according to claim 20,  
wherein displaying the propagation history with respect to the  
hierarchy comprises superimposing a representation of the  
propagation history on the hierarchy.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

23 (Currently Amended): Apparatus for providing  
information regarding a piece of electronic mail (e-mail),  
comprising:

a processor, configured to process a data set containing transmission data associated with the e-mail so as to determine one or more steps in a propagation history of the e-mail, the transmission data including identifiers of a sender of the e-mail and of one or more recipients of at least a portion of the e-mail; and

a display, configured to graphically display the propagation history.

24 (original): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to analyze transmission information embedded in text of the e-mail.

25 (original): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to analyze transmission information not contained in text of the e-mail.

26 (original): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to designate a first visual symbol to represent transmission of the e-mail to a primary recipient, and to designate a second visual symbol different from the first visual symbol to represent transmission of the e-mail to a secondary recipient.

27 (original): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to designate a first

visual symbol to represent the sender, and to designate at least one visual symbol different from the first visual symbol to represent the one or more recipients.

28 (original): Apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the processor is configured to designate a first color for the first visual symbol, and to designate a second color, different from the first color, for the at least one visual symbol.

Claim 29 (Canceled)

30 (original): Apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the processor is configured to drive the display to graphically display the steps in the history in an animation mode.

31 (original): Apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the processor is configured to drive the display to display a representation of the sender and at least one of the recipients, and to display a graphical representation of movement of the e-mail from the sender to the at least one of the recipients.

32 (original): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to determine two or more steps in the propagation history of the e-mail, the

transmission data including for each step in the propagation history identifiers of a sender and one or more recipients of a respective portion of the piece of e-mail, and wherein the processor is configured to:

receive from a user a designation of an electronic mail correspondent;

find at least one identifier in the transmission data corresponding to the designated correspondent; and

drive the display to display part of the piece of e-mail responsive to finding the at least one identifier.

33 (original): Apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the processor is configured to:

determine a location of the correspondent in a hierarchy;

drive the display to display the hierarchy; and

drive the display to identify for the user the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy.

34 (original): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the processor is configured to receive information regarding a relationship relating members in a set, which set includes at least some of: the sender and the one or more recipients, and wherein the processor is configured to drive



the display to display the propagation history responsive to the relationship.

35 (original): Apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the processor is configured to receive information regarding a hierarchical relationship relating the members, and to drive the display to display the propagation history responsive to the hierarchical relationship.

Claim 36 (Canceled)

37 (Currently Amended): A computer program product for providing information regarding a piece of electronic mail (e-mail), the product comprising a computer-readable medium having program instructions embodied therein, which instructions, when read by a computer, cause the computer to:

process a data set containing transmission data associated with the e-mail so as to determine one or more steps in a propagation history of the e-mail, the transmission data including identifiers of a sender of the e-mail and of one or more recipients of at least a portion of the e-mail; and

graphically display the propagation history.

38 (original): A computer program product according to claim 37, wherein the instructions, when read by the

computer, cause the computer to analyze transmission information embedded in text of the e-mail.

39 (original): A computer program product according to claim 37, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to analyze transmission information not contained in text of the e-mail.

40 (original): A computer program product according to claim 37, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to designate a first visual symbol to represent transmission of the e-mail to a primary recipient, and to designate a second visual symbol different from the first visual symbol to represent transmission of the e-mail to a secondary recipient.

41 (original): A computer program product according to claim 37, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to designate a first visual symbol to represent the sender and designate at least one visual symbol different from the first visual symbol to represent the one or more recipients.

42 (original): A computer program product according to claim 41, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to designate a first color for

the first visual symbol and designate a second color, different from the first color, for the at least one visual symbol.

Claim 43 (Canceled)

44 (original): A computer program product according to claim 43, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to graphically display the steps in the history in an animation mode.

45 (original): A computer program product according to claim 43, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

display a representation of the sender and at least one of the recipients; and

display a graphical representation of movement of the e-mail from the sender to the at least one of the recipients.

46 (original): A computer program product according to claim 45, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to display an arrow to represent the movement.

47 (original): A computer program product according to claim 37, wherein the instructions, when read by the

computer, cause the computer to determine two or more steps in the propagation history of the e-mail, the transmission data including for each step in the propagation history identifiers of a sender and one or more recipients of a respective portion of the piece of e-mail, and wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

receive from a user a designation of an electronic mail correspondent;

find at least one identifier in the transmission data corresponding to the designated correspondent; and

display part of the piece of e-mail responsive to finding the at least one identifier.

48 (original): A computer program product according to claim 47, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to display e-mail content sent by the correspondent.

49 (original): A computer program product according to claim 47, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to display e-mail content sent to the correspondent.

50 (original): A computer program product according to claim 47, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

determine a location of the correspondent in a hierarchy;

display the hierarchy; and

identify for the user the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy.

51 (original): A computer program product according to claim 37, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to: (a) receive information regarding a relationship relating members in a set, which set includes at least some of: the sender and the one or more recipients, and (b) display the propagation history responsive to the relationship.

52 (original): A computer program product according to claim 51, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive geographical information about the members.

53 (original): A computer program product according to claim 51, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive hierarchical and geographical information about the members.

54 (original): A computer program product according to claim 51, wherein the instructions, when read by the

computer, cause the computer to receive hierarchical information about the members.

55 (original): A computer program product according to claim 54, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive for each one of a plurality of the members, information indicating: (a) who reports to that member and (b) to whom does that member report.

56 (original): A computer program product according to claim 54, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

display a hierarchy including the members in the set; and

display the propagation history with respect to the hierarchy.

57 (original): A computer program product according to claim 56, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to superimpose a representation of the propagation history on the hierarchy.

Claim 58 (Canceled)

59 (new): A method according to claim 14, wherein the hierarchy includes a tree, wherein determining the

location of the correspondent comprises determining the location of the correspondent in the tree, wherein displaying the hierarchy comprises displaying the tree, and wherein identifying the location of the correspondent comprises identifying the location of the correspondent in the tree.

60 (new): A method according to claim 14, wherein the hierarchy includes a hierarchy of an organization, wherein determining the location of the correspondent comprises determining the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy of the organization, wherein displaying the hierarchy comprises displaying the hierarchy of the organization, and wherein identifying the location of the correspondent comprises determining the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy of the organization.

61 (new): A method according to claim 18, wherein the hierarchical information includes organizational hierarchical information about the members, and wherein receiving the hierarchical information comprises receiving the organizational hierarchical information.

62 (new): A method according to claim 20, wherein the hierarchy includes a tree, wherein displaying the hierarchy comprises displaying the tree including the members in the set, and wherein displaying the propagation history

comprises displaying the propagation history with respect to the tree.

63 (new): Apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the hierarchy includes a tree, and wherein the processor is configured to:

determine a location of the correspondent in the tree;

drive the display to display the tree; and

drive the display to identify for the user the location of the correspondent in the tree.

64 (new): Apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the hierarchy includes a hierarchy of an organization, and wherein the processor is configured to:

determine a location of the correspondent in the hierarchy of the organization;

drive the display to display the hierarchy of the organization; and

drive the display to identify for the user the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy of the organization.

65 (new): Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the hierarchical relationship includes an organizational hierarchical relationship relating the members, and wherein



the processor is configured to receive the information regarding the organization hierarchical relationship, and to drive the display to display the propagation history response to the organizational hierarchical relationship.

66 (new): Apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the processor is configured to drive the display to display the hierarchical relationship as a tree, and the propagation history with respect to the tree.

67 (new): A computer program product according to claim 50, wherein the hierarchy includes a tree, and wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

determine the location of the correspondent in the tree;

display the tree; and

identify the location of the correspondent in the tree.

68 (new): A computer program according to claim 50, wherein the hierarchy includes a hierarchy of an organization, and wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

determine the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy of the organization;

display the hierarchy of the organization; and

identify the location of the correspondent in the hierarchy of the organization.

69 (new): A computer program according to claim 54, wherein the hierarchical information includes organizational hierarchical information about the members, and wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive the organizational hierarchical information.

70 (new): A computer program according to claim 56, wherein the hierarchy includes a tree, and wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

display the tree including the members in the set;

and

display the propagation history with respect to the tree.